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SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 125th Anniversary of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

I have the privilege of serving as the Chair of the Joint Economic Committee, a committee that has a unique relationship with the BLS. The JEC was established by the Employment Act of 1946 to study matters relating to the US economy, so we are indeed a much younger sibling to the Bureau.

For roughly six decades, the Commissioner of the BLS has testified before the JEC in hearings examining the monthly Employment Situation. As Chair, I have welcomed Commissioner Keith Hall and his colleagues to the committee this year as we have closely tracked labor market conditions in the current recession.

The BLS staff is a dedicated group of public servants who themselves do important work for our nation. The numbers they provide represent real people and the trends they report on provide valuable insights into the economic well-being of families across the country.

I look forward to the first Friday of the month to arrive when the Employment Situation shows our economy has stopped shedding jobs and that more Americans are going back to work.

Policy makers from both sides of the aisle rely on the high quality, timely and non-partisan data produced by the BLS to make informed decisions that affect the millions of Americans around the country.

Too often, lawmakers fail to recognize that the data produced by BLS and other agencies are crucial to making meaningful, effective policy. But it is for that reason that I have worked to preserve funding for vital statistical programs at the BLS, like the American Time Use Survey—our most extensive source of data on how Americans are balancing all demands on their time, from work, to child care, to recreational activities.

The JEC has fought for and will continue to fight for the funding that BLS needs to maintain its international reputation for quality data that keeps pace with our always-evolving economy. We could not fulfill our mission in Congress without the hard work of the BLS.

I want to thank JEC Vice Chair SCHUMER, Senate Ranking Member BROWBACK, and House Ranking Member KEVIN BRADY for joining me in this bipartisan concurrent resolution. I hope all of my colleagues will join us in congratulating the Bureau of Labor Statistics on a job very well done for the last 125 years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting the following in regards to the

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: University of California, Riverside School of Medicine

Account: HRSA Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of California, Riverside

Address of Requesting Entity: 900 University Avenue Riverside, CA

Amount: \$3.4 million

Description of Request: The funds will be used for renovation of an anatomy lab and a biomedical sciences building that will become part of the planned School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside. The new School of Medicine will address the severe physician shortage in Inland Southern California, one of the most rapidly growing regions in the country. With the regional physician shortfall is forecast to be high as 53 percent by 2015, the Inland Empire faces a health care challenge of crisis proportions. The regional focus of the medical school's research and clinical enterprises will help mitigate that crisis and will improve health care for the many low- and moderate-income residents of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The results will be a model that can be applied in areas throughout the nation.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: Salvation Army of San Bernardino Family Services Program

Account: Administration for Children and Families—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Salvation Army of San Bernardino

Address of Requesting Entity: 746 W. 5th Street San Bernardino, CA

Amount: \$160,000

Description of Request: The funds will help the Salvation Army Family Services program provide a full spectrum of community services designed to assist families that struggle with difficult challenges. The funds will also support emergency shelter services to families in crisis. The program serves families throughout the Inland Empire, which has one of the highest foreclosure and unemployment rates in the nation. The economic situation is causing increased demand for these services, at the same time that donations and State funding have declined creating a dire situation for providing services.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: San Geronio Hospital Computed Radiography

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Geronio Memorial Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 N Highland Springs Ave, Banning, CA

Amount: \$340,000

Description of Request: The funds would help purchase a Computed Radiography system to replace x-ray film and create a digital image. San Geronio Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital that is serving a rapidly growing area of Riverside County. As Riverside County struggles with high unemployment and foreclosure rates, the hospital is providing more unreimbursed medical care,

making it difficult to meet payroll and impossible to purchase any new equipment. Computed Radiography is the standard of care in diagnostic imaging and has been show to greatly increase patient safety.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: Redlands Community Hospital PET/CT Scanner

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Redlands Community Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 350 Terracina Boulevard, Redlands, CA

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: The requested funds would help support the purchase of combination Positron Emission Tomography, PET, "64 slice" scanner/Computed Tomography, CT, machine. Currently RCH rents a PET scanner 3 days a week to accommodate patient demand. Redlands Community Hospital is one of a handful of remaining independent nonprofit hospitals in Southern California, and provides annually over \$8 million in charity care to the community. The equipment will help insure access to diagnostic services in the face of rapidly increasing levels of demand.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: St. Bernardine Medical Center Endovascular Suite

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Bernardine Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 2101 North Waterman Ave San Bernardino, CA

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: The funds requested will help the hospital renovate space and equip an Endovascular Surgical Suite, which is a specialized surgical room capable of advanced imaging to view smaller, obscure vessels, which leads to minimally invasive surgical procedures. In 2008, the Medical Center performed over 800 vascular procedures and is ranked as one of the top ten by volume in heart diagnostic and interventional procedures within the state of California. St. Bernardine serves one of the fastest growing areas in the state and nation and is located in one of the most densely impoverished areas in Southern California. Current health care capacity and equipment cannot keep pace with the growing demand.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Account: FIE

Project Name: We Care San Jacinto

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: We Care San Jacinto

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West First Street, San Jacinto, CA 92583

Amount: \$100,000

Description of Request: Funds for this project will go toward continuing a program that provides tutoring, homework assistance and after-school classes for low income families at no cost. In the City of San Jacinto, low-income elementary and high school students are faced with gang-related and drug activity in the local community every day. The We Care tutoring program has influenced those who might very well be inclined to drop out of school or not seek secondary education, and